



PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Okanogan, WA

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COLD SPRINGS FIRE — 2020

LOCATION

Okanogan County is located in northeastern Washington. It is the largest county in the state. Agriculture and forestry are some of the major industries in the county.

The Grand Coulee Dam, located in Coulee Dam, WA, is the largest electricity producer in the United States, and is one of the largest concrete structures in the world. Methow Valley is a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts, with activity options such as hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling, and camping.

DISASTER

The Cold Springs Fire started on September 7, 2020. This same day, about 80 other fires were also started in Washington state, caused by downed power lines and high winds.

By the morning of September 8, the Cold Springs fire alone had burnt 175,000 acres. This fire burned nearly 300,000 acres along the Okanogan valley before it was contained. 78 homes and 60 other structures were destroyed, most of them on the Coleville Reservation.

MDS RESPONSE

Weekly volunteers will be staying at United Methodist Church in Okanogan, WA. Leadership volunteers will be staying at the Cariboo Inn, which is next door to the church.

MDS volunteers will be working on new builds in collaboration with Okanogan County Long Term Recovery.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Weekly Volunteers

United Methodist Church
231 3rd Ave South
Okanogan WA 98840

Leadership Volunteers

Cariboo Inn
223 Queen St
Okanogan WA 98840



Telephone

717-413-1711 (Office Manager)
717-413-2610 (Project Director)

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TRANSPORTATION

It is the responsibility of weekly volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project. If you choose to fly in or take a bus, you will need to be sure to arrange for transportation from the station to the project, as MDS is not able to pick up weekly volunteers. If you have questions about this, please call the Coordinator for Weekly Volunteers at 800-241-8111.

- Pangborn Memorial Airport is the closest airport, about 97 miles away. Rental cars are available through Avis (800-352-7900) and Enterprise (855-266-9289).
- Greyhound has a bus stop in Brewster, about 28 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 800-231-2222.
- Amtrak has a train station in Wenatchee, about 92 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 1-800-872-7245.

DIRECTIONS

Use Google Maps to direct you to the project site. Park on the street in front of the church.